



National Provider Identifier Registration

► Beginning in September 2006

Medi-Cal and Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) providers will be able to register their National Provider Identifier (NPI) with the California Department of Health Services (CDHS) through an automated collection system. A new NPI Web site can be accessed by clicking the "NPI" link in the gray menu bar on the left side of the Medi-Cal Web site (www.medi-cal.ca.gov). The NPI registration tool link will be available from the NPI Web site on September 1, 2006. HIPAA mandates use of an NPI by May 23, 2007. Providers are encouraged to apply for their NPI at the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) Web site at <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov> and register that NPI with Medi-Cal beginning in September.

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► NPI Registration Tool

The NPI Web page will be the source for Medi-Cal announcements about the NPI and its implementation. To use the NPI registration tool, providers must enter their current provider number(s) as well as unique identifying data that will be authenticated. Providers then enter their NPI and other important information. NPIs registered with Medicare and taxonomy codes provided in the original NPI application to NPPES will also be collected through this tool. NPIs for Non-Physician Medical Practitioners (NMPs) will be collected for providers who currently have NMP data on file with Medi-Cal. The registration tool includes a list of agreement forms that contain the current Medi-Cal provider number. Providers can authorize the automatic update of existing agreements on file with their NPI information. Providers who have more than one active Medi-Cal or CHDP provider number must log in separately for each provider number in order to register their single NPI, or subpart NPI. Providers with more than one NPI for a single Medi-Cal or CHDP provider number can register only one NPI through the NPI registration tool.

Apply for your NPI by visiting:
<https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov>

For more information, call 1-800-541-5555
or go to www.medi-cal.ca.gov.